

**ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH (served by the Missionary Society of St Paul)  
PARISH NEWSLETTER FOR THE WEEK BEGINNING 20th APRIL 2024**

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**Presbytery/ Parish office open 10am-3pm Mon:** Sr Elizabeth **Tues, Wed & Thurs:** Teresa Potter **Fri:** Jacky Hardy

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*Welcome!*

*Mass  for the Intentions  Week*

<b>First Mass of Sunday, (Saturday)</b>	6.00pm	Giovanna Calciolotti RIP <i>(live streamed)</i>
<b>Sun 21 April 4th Sunday of Easter (B)</b>	8.30am	Sherin Paul,
	9.30am	Peggy Harkin (Int)
	10.30am	Chaniwa Family, Michael Lowry RIP, Beatrice Eziashi (80th birthday)
	6.00pm	Prem Sharma RIP
<b>Mon 22 April Feria</b>	9.15am	Eileen Dowler RIP (3rd Anniv)
<b>Tues 23 April St George</b>	9.15am	Karena Waissen RIP, Clair Lambe (ill) <i>(live streamed)</i>
<b>Wed 24 April Feria</b>		<b><u>Adoration 10.00am-12noon</u></b>
	12 noon	Shane Patrick Lindsay (27th birthday), Peggy Harkin (birthday)
<b>Thurs 25 April St Mark</b>	9.15am	<i>(St John's School)</i>
<b>Fri 26 April Feria</b>	9.15am	Martin Rodden RIP
<b>Sat 27 April Feria</b>		<b><u>Adoration after 10am Mass until 12.30pm (Reconciliation 11.30-12.30pm)</u></b>
	10.00am	Mrs Pet Kilcullen RIP
<b>First Mass of Sunday, (Saturday)</b>	6.00pm	Tony Charles & Josie Buckley RIP <i>(live streamed)</i>
<b>Sun 28 April 5th Sunday of Easter (B)</b>	8.30am	Sherin Paul, Hughie O'Kane & family, Birthdays & anniversaries in April
	9.30am	Jason & Teresa 'You are loved', Joan Flaherty (80th birthday)
	10.30am	Julia (a nurse, wellbeing), Sean Gilhooly <i>(live streamed)</i>
	6.00pm	Marie Yao Sika RIP, Adama Sangare RIP, Maria Bogusz RIP, Zdzislaw Bogusz RIP



**Please pray for the souls of all deceased parishioners, family and friends**

**Michael Lowry** - Details to follow

*May God console their families. May the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace;*

**Please pray for those whose Anniversaries occur at this time including....**

- 21: Antonia Maria Martin, Joyce Evelyn Irvine, Sonny Tobias Steven Whittam, Keith Christopher Hyland, Cynthia Sybil Stevens, Stephanie Doreen Florence Judge
- 22: William Herbert, Jason Hardy, James Groarke, Michael Grillo, Esther Theresa Pithman, Nora Gallagher, Dorothy Ellen Cross, Arturs Osipovs, Michael Brewer, Eileen Bridget Dowler, Dariusz Mielczarzewicz
- 23: Josephine Elizabeth McGowan, Giovanni Tramontano, Sister M. Carmel Boyle, George Henry Stocks, Adam Lawrence Colton, William John Colton, Bartley Gilhooly
- 24: Grace Sally, John McCrane, Josephine Morris
- 25: Arthur Ernest Strickland, Pamela Doreen Evers, Herbert Mark Martin, Christina Cecilia Murphy
- 26: Patrick Carlin, Martin Rodden, Sister M. Camillus Doyle, Lorna Anne Agle, Jonathan Patrick Laimons Kelly, Betty McNally,
- 27: Anthony Clarke, Ken Albert Kenna, Catherine Ellen Seagust, Ellen Dorothy Mayers, Ronald Leslie Roberts, Mary Patricia Sharpe
- 28: Ethel Amelia Reardon, Kathleen Strain, Rita Ryan, Helen Stella Bergin, Eileen Scutts, William Agle, Owen Mulheran, Ervine Gabor, Rosa Horton nee Ciantanni



***May they rest in peace...***

**Stewardship Drive** We are each uniquely gifted, and called to serve the community with our talents; On April 28th, we shall collect your commitment cards.

**Last weeks collections** £1336.35. Thank you for your continued generosity and also to those people who pay by standing order and contactless.

**This weekend** there will be a second collection for the Priest Training Fund. Good Shepherd Sunday is the day we pray for vocations and for our priests.

**Next week** there will be a second collection for St George's Cathedral. The Cathedral is entirely reliant upon the generosity of its parishioners, volunteers and the Archdiocese of Southwark to keep its doors open. It does not receive Vatican or government funding.

Gift aid, standing order, bank details are available at the back of the Church or contact the parish office.

**Gift Aid Boxes** The boxes for this year have just arrived and they are available for collection in the Sacristy.

**Baptism** We welcome into our parish family Albie John Carter who was baptized this weekend. Application forms for Baptism are available from the back of the Church or the parish office. Families need to attend a talk before the baptism. Please phone/email the office if you wish to attend (Next session is Monday 13th May).

**Foodbank** Thank you for your most generous donations last weekend. We were able to deliver 228 kg of food and other essentials to help local families in need.

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:** Christ is really present in the Blessed Sacrament; come and talk heart to heart with Him, either on Wed (10am-12noon) or Sat after 10am Mass until 12.30pm.

**Wednesday Tea/Coffee** Refreshments are served in the Coffee bar after 12 noon Mass. All welcome. We will draw the 200 club on Wednesday.

**Booking Mass Intentions:** Envelopes for Masses are available at the back of the Church, write the intention and put the stipend in the envelope. Please do not use the Dona Machine for Mass stipends.

**School Forms** We will be available to sign school forms on Tuesday between 1-3pm in the Presbytery. Please note that the day and times may change each week.

**Altar servers Rally at The Friars, Aylesford** on May Day bank holiday 6th May. Mass will be celebrated at 11.30am. Everyone is welcome to attend especially our servers, families and friends. Altar servers are encouraged to attend with family and friends.

**Mass in Celebration of the Sacrament of Marriage July 13<sup>th</sup> 2024 at St George's Cathedral** If you are celebrating your 1<sup>st</sup>/10<sup>th</sup>/25<sup>th</sup>/40<sup>th</sup>/50<sup>th</sup>/60<sup>th</sup> + wedding anniversary this year, please let us know as soon as possible, and no later than May 31<sup>st</sup> 2024, providing the following details: your names (ie John and Mary Smith), your home address, the anniversary you are celebrating, so you can receive an invitation from the Archbishop for the renewal of vows during Mass. Spaces are limited. Email: [mflkent@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:mflkent@rcaos.org.uk) As the title of your email, please write your parish location e.g. Gravesend, St Johns.

**Catholic Men's Walking Pilgrimage** Catholic men are invited to take part in the Rochester to Aylesford Marian pilgrimage on Sat 4 May. Starts 10.45am outside Rochester Cathedral, walking to Aylesford shrine. Holy Hour 2-3pm. Return walk to Rochester for pub dinner around 6pm. Please email to book your dinner seat: [medwaycatholicmen\[AT\]outlook.com](mailto:medwaycatholicmen[AT]outlook.com)

**Come and Rest in Me** is a contemplative group that meets around the Word of God on Wednesdays 8-9pm. Check our website for the zoom link.

**Catholic Charismatic Group** meetings resuming Fridays at 7pm in the Church. You're all welcome to come and listen, pray and share your faith.

**Mustard Seed** Bible study every day @ 8.30pm; Lectio Divina on Fridays @ 7.30pm. Please go to the parish website [www.stjohnsgravesend.co.uk](http://www.stjohnsgravesend.co.uk) and click on the link.

**Padre Pio Prayer Group** each Tuesday straight after 9.15am Mass in the Cry Chapel. All welcome to join us in prayer. We especially remember our sick friends and family. *Please see the parish website for prayer groups.*

**Appeal for Knitters?** Thank you to those people who have shown an interest in making a shawl for our delighted parents getting their children baptised. We are not looking at any specific pattern although they need to be white and different styles would be most welcome (last year we had over 80 baptisms in the parish). Please call at the office if you have any queries.

**Sick/housebound** *Please contact the parish office and let us know of neighbours/family members who are unable to come to Church and would like to receive Communion or call 07405803862. We remember in our prayers those who are sick, housebound or in hospital & those who care for them and their families. **Please, when on admission in the hospital or care home, volunteer the information of your faith as you won't be asked ordinarily.***